

establishment of a state bank is presented as the most equitable and effective mode of providing means for every desirable appropriation, and the principle has been sanctioned by a decision of this house, but as contrariant opinions may arise in adjusting the details of an institution of such a character, we propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee to consider upon, and discuss, the important question above referred to.—And, should it be determined to decline the assumption of a public right, as recommended by the committee on ways and means, to meet the charges in prospective, that the deliberations of the joint appointment shall be promptly directed to the selection of such other resource as may be deemed sufficient, either by direct taxation on real and personal property—interest on deposits of the public moneys—a duplication of duties on sales by auction, and licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries and others—or taxes on offices, and learned professions—as well as on monied estates, which heretofore have escaped a due proportion of contribution—together with a rateable abatement on the commissions of the receiving officers—the abolition of all offices not deemed to be absolutely and indispensably essential to the public service—and a discontinuance of the donation of \$20,000 to the mayor and city council of Baltimore.—A resort to all, or either of which, might be avoided through the productive operations of a state bank.

We have appointed for the purposes of this proposal, Messrs. Teackle, Nicols, Jenkins, Merrick, Stevens, Hammond and Turner, to act with such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Cl'k.

The bill reported by Mr. Unkefer, entitled, a supplement to An act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Liberty Town Savings Institution, was taken up for consideration.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins, said bill was amended, by striking out the third section of the bill.

The said bill was then read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Hollman, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Williamsport to Hagerstown.

The bill reported by Mr. Jenkins, entitled, An act to incorporate the Fells Point Savings Institution of Baltimore;

The bill reported by Mr. Lantz, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act for regulating and inspecting